Test (CAT)-2003 scheduled for 23rd November, 2003 for admission to IIMs was leaked. CBI had busted a racket of leakage of question papers. Shri Arun Kumar, Kumar Suman Singh, Manoj Kumar and Hari Shankar Chaudhary in conspiracy among themselves and other unknown persons procured CAT question paper by theft or criminal breach of trust. A regular case has been registered by CBI. The Ministry has set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri V.K. Shunglu, ex C&AG to examine the circumstances which led to leakage of question paper and to see whether there was any systemic failure, to fix responsibility on these persons/ agency responsible for the leakage and to examine the methodology of conduct of CAT examination and to suggest measures to avoid recurrence of such instances in future.

In the year 2003 & 2004, two papers each of BCA/MCA courses of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) were leaked out. FIR was lodged in these cases and also an Enquiry Committee constituted by the Board of Management. Four students and one employee of the examination centre were arrested. Proceedings for debarring the students from continuing with the programme further/or withholding result till there is a decision on the criminal case.

Courses at Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore

204. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the courses being conducted at the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore;

(b) what is the intake of students in each course;

(c) the grant given by the Government during 2003-04;

(d) the fee being charged for each course;

(e) whether any preference is being given to Karnataka candidates at the time of admissions; and

(f) whether there is any proposal to increase the intake in some courses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (f) Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore is conducting the courses namely Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM),

Fellow Programme in Management (FPM), Part-time Post Graduate Programme in Software Enterprise Management (PGSM) and Post Graduate Programme in Public Policy and Management (PGPPM).

The annual intake of PGP, FPM, PGSM and PGPPM is 200, 20, 120 and 30 students, respectively in each course. The Government has not given any grant to IIM, Bangalore during 2003-04.

The fee being charged by the Institute is Rs. 1.5 lakh each for PGP and PGSM, Rs. 2.00 lakh for PGPPM and no fee is charged for FPM.

At the time of admission in the Institute no preference is given to Karnataka candidates. The Institute proposes to increase the intake in PGSM upto 45 students in distance class mode from the year 2004. Further, in PGP and PGPPM by 60 and 15 students from the year 2005.

Fee structure in IIMs

†205. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on Government's instructions the annual fees for the students in IIMs was reduced to Rs. 30,000/-;

(b) whether Government, Semi-Government and Private Sector institutions had refused to accept the fee structure proposed by Government; and

(c) if so, the initiatives taken by Government for safeguarding interests of the meritorious poor students and implementing instructions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court so that the teaching standards of such institutions could be maintained and interest of the poor students could be taken careof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Government had decided *vide* orders dated 5th February, 2004 that the fees for the Post-Graduate Programmes (PGP) in the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) be fixed at Rs. 30,000/- per annum from the academic session 2004-05 and that no other charges/fees should be levied from the students except for mess charges that would be payable by the students separately. The said orders were not applicable for Semi-Government and Private Sector institutions.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.